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IN RE APPLICATION OF: **Bamberger et al.** :

APPLICATION NO.: **09/761,890** : Examiner: **S.J. Huff**

FILING DATE: **January 17, 2001** : Group Art Unit: **1642**

TITLE: **Assay for ABCA1** :

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2002, Applicants answer as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 9 and 10.

Please amend claims 1, 11, and 13 as follows:

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1. A method of determining the ability of a test compound to affect the activity of ABCA1 protein, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a) introducing labeled substrate into ABCA1-expressing cells;
 - b) adding a test composition comprising said test compound to a first portion of said cells, and adding a control composition to a second portion of said cells, wherein said control composition is essentially identical to said test composition except that said control composition does not include said test compound;
 - c) measuring the level of efflux of substrate from each portion of said cells by separately combining said first and said second portions of said cells with an efflux
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